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SUBJECT: PROPOSED Q'S AND A'S FOR MRS. CARTER'S BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED Q'S AND A'S FOR MRS. CARTER'S
BRIEFING:

1. U.S. AWARENESS OF CANADA

Q. MANY CANADIANS FEEL THAT THE U.S. DOESN'T KNOW MUCH
ABOUT CANADA; THAT THEY MORE OR LESS TAKE US FOR GRANTED.
DO YOU FEEL THIS IS THE CASE?

A. I DON'T THINK SO. MANY AMERICANS REMEMBER WITH RE-
SPECT THAT YOU CANADIANS HAD THE COURAGE TO TELL US WHEN
WE WERE WRONG DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. MY HUSBAND REPEAT-
EDLY EMPHASIZED DURING HIS CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY
THE KEY ROLE THAT CANADA AND MEXICO MUST PLAY IN OUR
POLICY, AND HE HAS MOVED VIGOROUSLY WITH PRIME MINISTER
TRUDEAU TO PUT THAT INTO EFFECT ONCE IN OFFICE. AND
REMEMBER THAT THEY'RE A LOT OF AMERICANS WHO KNOW CANADA
WELL--MILLIONS CAME HERE LAST YEAR. ONE AREA WHERE WE
COULD DO MORE IS CANADIAN STUDIES IN U.S. UNIVERSITIES.
THIS IS GROWING, BUT IT COULD BE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT.

2. QUEBEC

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Q. ARE AMERICANS CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUEBEC GOVERNMENT'S
INTENT TO SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF CANADA?

A. THIS IS AN INTERNAL, DOMESTIC CANADIAN MATTER IN
WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS NO ROLE TO PLAY WHATSOEVER.
AND I AM SURE THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH CANADIANS
FROM ALL PROVINCES WOULD HAVE IT. MY OWN PERSONAL VIEW,
AND THAT OF AMERICANS IN GENERAL, IS TO HOPE THAT CONFED-

ERATION STICKS TOGETHER. WE'RE BELIEVERS IN CANADA, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL STICK TOGETHER. BUT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE, AS MY HUSBAND HAS, THAT THIS IS A DECISION FOR CANADIANS TO MAKE AND ONE IN WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS NOT INVOLVED.

3. GAS PIPELINE

Q. CANADA HAS DECIDED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE FROM ALASKA ACROSS CANADA. WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS?

A. THE UNITED STATES HAS AN URGENT NEED TO MOVE NATURAL GAS FROM ALASKA'S NORTH SLOPE TO HELP MEET CURRENT ENERGY NEEDS IN THE LOWER 48.

WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN PUT TOGETHER A JOINT PROJECT TO DO THIS, ONE THAT ALSO HELP CANADA MEET ITS OWN ENERGY NEEDS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEGOTIATION ON A JOINT PIPELINE ROUTE GOT OFF TO A GOOD START LAST WEEK IN OTTAWA AND ARE CONTINUING THIS WEEK. WE BOTH HAVE ALTERNATIVES BUT AGREEMENT ON A JOINT PIPELINE WOULD HAVE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES AND WOULD BE ANOTHER STRONG LINK IN U.S./CANADIAN COOPERATION.

4. MARITIME BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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Q. SINCE THE U.S. AND CANADA BOTH ADOPTED 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONES, DISPUTES HAVE ARISEN AS TO THE PRECISE DELIMITATION OF THE U.S.-CANADIAN BOUNDARY LINES. SOME OF THE CONTESTED AREAS ARE RICH IN FISHERIES AND MAY CONTAIN HYDROCARBON RESOURCES. DO YOU THINK THE U.S. AND CANADA WILL BE ABLE TO SETTLE THIS DELICATE PROBLEM?

A. YES. AS YOU KNOW, THE U.S. AND CANADA ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF DISTINGUISHED SPECIAL NEGOTIATORS TO DEAL WITH THESE MARITIME BOUNDARY AND RESOURCE ISSUES. WE EXPECT THEM TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT BY DECEMBER 1 OF THIS YEAR. IT'S IMPORTANT TO SHOW THAT WE CAN SETTLE THIS SORT OF QUESTION BETWEEN US. IF OLD FRIENDS LIKE CANADA AND THE U.S. CANNOT, WHO CAN?

5. TRIDENT

Q. THERE HAS BEEN SOME STRONG CRITICISM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRIDENT NUCLEAR SUBMARINE BASE IN BANGOR, WASHINGTON. CRITICS CHARGE THAT TRIDENT IS A DANGEROUS ESCALATION OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND COULD BRING WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION HERE IN THE EVENT

OF A NUCLEAR WAR. THEY ALSO SAY IT WILL CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE IN THE BAY.

A. AS MY HUSBAND SAID IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, THERE IS NO HIGHER PRIORITY FOR THIS ADMINISTRATION THAN THE CONTROL AND ULTIMATE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS. HE HAS PUT FORWARD FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS TO THE SOVIET UNION IN THIS REGARD, AND WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT PROGRESS WILL BE POSSIBLE. THE TRIDENT SUBMARINE IS NOT AN ESCALATION. IT WOULD FIT WITHIN AGREED SALT TOTALS AND REPLACES RATHER

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THAN ADDS TO EXISTING POLARIS AND POSEIDON SUBMARINES WHICH ARE WEARING OUT. IT DOES NOT REPRESENT A "FIRST STRIKE" CAPABILITY, BUT RATHER ONLY THE MAINTENANCE OF ASSURED "SECOND STRIKE" CAPABILITY, ON WHICH BOTH WE AND THE SOVIET UNION MUST RELY TO MAINTAIN DETERRENCE UNTIL WE ARE FINALLY ABLE TO LIMIT AND ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IN THIS MANNER THESE NUCLEAR SYSTEMS, MUCH AS WE'D LIKE TO BE RID OF THEM, HELP ASSURE PEACE RATHER THAN ADD TO THE RISK OF WAR. CANADA BENEFITS FROM THAT JUST AS THE U.S. DOES.

I KNOW THAT THE U.S. NAVY CHOSE BANGOR AS A SITE ONLY AFTER THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. I BELIEVE THEY CONSIDERED MORE THAN 80 SITES, INCLUDING BOTH COASTS, BEFORE MAKING THIS CHOICE. HIGH ON THEIR LIST OF PRIORITIES WERE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND THE BASE WILL REPRESENT AN ABSOLUTE BARE MINIMUM OF ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

6. TANKER TRAFFIC IN PUGET SOUND

Q. THIS MONTH THE FIRST OIL TANKERS BRINGING OIL FROM THE ALASKAN PIPELINE ARRIVED IN THE PUGET SOUND AREA.

THERE IS CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER A POSSIBLE INCIDENT WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN A MAJOR OIL SPILL AS A RESULT OF THIS TRAFFIC. ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THIS TOO?
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A. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ALASKAN OIL TANKER TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TOTAL TANKER TRAFFIC IN THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA BY ONLY ABOUT 10 PERCENT OR ABOUT THREE MORE TANKERS PER WEEK. VERY RIGID COAST GUARD SAFETY STANDARDS ARE IN EFFECT WITH REGARD TO ALASKAN OIL WHICH IS CARRIED ENTIRELY BY U.S. FLAG VESSELS AND THAT, IN ADDITION, THERE ARE STRICT REQUIREMENTS FOR MODERN SAFETY, NAVIGATIONAL AND COLLISION AVOIDANCE EQUIPMENT ON ALL TANKERS AS WELL AS BACK-UP SYSTEMS. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT A PLAN HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH WILL KEEP THE TANKERS WELL OFFSHORE DURING THE TRIP FROM VALDEZ TO THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA. AND CANADA AND THE U.S. HAVE DEVELOPED A JOINT SEPARATION SCHEME FOR VESSELS IN THE JUAN DE FUCA AND PUGET SOUND AREA.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT A LOT OF THOUGHT AND CARE HAVE GONE INTO THIS TO ENSURE THAT THIS TRAFFIC OPERATES WITH A MINIMUM OF RISK TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

7. WEST COAST SALMON FISHERIES

Q. THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY RESTRICTED SALMON TROLLING IN ITS PACIFIC WATERS. THIS HAS CAUSED SERIOUS FINANCIAL HARDSHIP TO CANADIAN FISHERMEN. DOES THE UNITED STATES INTEND TO COMPENSATE THESE MEN FOR THE LOSSES THEY HAVE SUSTAINED?

A. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RESTRICTION ON SALMON TROLLING WHICH IS PRESENTLY IN EFFECT IN U.S. PACIFIC WATERS APPLIES TO U.S. FISHERMEN AS WELL AS TO CANADIAN. ITS PURPOSE IS TO ENHANCE AND MORE PROPERLY MANAGE THE SALMON STOCK THERE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE HOPE IS THAT THESE ENHANCEMENT MEASURES WILL RESULT IN HIGHER CATCHES FOR ALL NEXT YEAR.
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IN THE MEANTIME, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA ARE DISCUSSING THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER CORRECTIVE ACTION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPENSATION, MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

8. ROSS DAM

Q. DO YOU INTEND TO PURSUE THE PLAN TO RAISE ROSS DAM, THEREBY FLOODING 5,000 ACRES IN THE SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA? WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE U.S. FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION HAS APPROVED THIS PROJECT AND THAT GOVERNOR DIXIE LEE RAY ALSO SUPPORTS IT AS A MEANS OF MEETING THE CITY OF SEATTLE'S ELECTRIC POWER REQUIREMENTS. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, PUBLIC OPINION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE.

A. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT TALKS ARE CURRENTLY GOING ON BETWEEN SEATTLE CITY LIGHT, WHICH PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF ROSS DAM, AND B.C. OFFICIALS ON THIS PROJECT IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID FLOODING. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND. ENDERS

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